

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2024

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on February 5, 2024 at the Township Hall. The Chairman, Mark Van Buren, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and he led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fiscal Officer called the roll, and the following members and guests were present. Fiscal Officer Carolyn Elder presented her oath of office to the Board of Trustees for her term beginning April 1, 2024.

Trustee	Mark Van Buren
Trustee	Eric Smith
Trustee	Ray Foor
Fiscal Officer	Carolyn Elder
Zoning Inspector	Valerie Hans
Road Superintendent	Pete Sigman
Guest	Ed Stiles, 7910 Blacks Road
Guest	Larry Kretzmann, SWLCWSD
Guest	Ashely Campbell, 984 Hillgail Circle SW
Guest	Grant Hanrahan, 147 Plaudit Court SW
Guest	Cristy Meade, 245 Hillview, Etna
Guest	Sara & Kevin McCartney, 137 Mayfield Dr.
Guest	David Coe, 5010 Palmer Road
Guest	Susan Vivyan, 17 Lookout Lane
Guest	April Brisky, 156 Ellington Blvd., Granville

From the floor – Mr. Stiles, 7910 Blacks Road

Mr. Stiles presented photos of his clean up progress.

Trustee Van Buren stated that the township wants to work with him and ask what would be his timeframe to clean up. Mr. Stiles responded that he is working night and day on cleanup. He has a buyer for the property and is going to move to Florida. Trustee Van Buren stated that the property needs to be cleaned up.

From the floor – Ashley Campbell

Ms. Campbell is the president of the Beechwood Trails Park and Pool Board. She presented a handout to the trustees with two options. Their Board has decided that they want a long term plan for green space. They do not have funds to up keep the park but the pool brings in enough funds to cover pool expenses only. They have received some grant money.

Option A: The BWT Board proposes to split out 2.506 acres for the pool, parking, and a 10' offset from the west pool fence. The remaining acreage comprising 4.522 acres would have Harrison Township operate the park and cover expenses for park maintenance and repairs. The BWT Park and Pool non-profit and volunteers would continue to operate the pool until a time it becomes inoperable. Ownership would then transfer to Harrison Township.

Option B: Harrison Township acquires the full property and goes into an operating agreement with the YMCA, Pool Management company, or with Beechwood Trails group to operate the pool for the 2024 season and going forward until the pool is inoperable.

Trustee Smith stated that maintenance costs are a concern and is not interested in the swimming pool. Trustee Van Buren stated that Option A is a possibility but funding is a concern. The trustees and the road superintendent will look over the property for consideration.

From the floor – Grant Hanrahan, 147 Plaudit Court SW

Mr. Hanrahan inquired if there is any recourse for better internet service.

Trustee Van Buren responded that help is going to areas that have no internet at all.

Mr. Hanrahan inquired if the board has considered recording meetings and live streaming.

From the floor – Christy Mead

Christy Mead is with the West Licking Historical Society. She shared information concerning Ohio's 250th Anniversary. America 250 celebration will happen in 2026 and she would like for every township to have something, like the Historical Depot, to share with visitors through the Licking County Passbook program.

The trustees were supportive.

From the floor – April Brisky

Ms. Brisky wanted an update on the proposed Dollar General Market. The Zoning Inspector stated that the property has not yet transferred and they are going through the TRC process. Discussion followed.

From the floor – Larry Kretzmann, SWLCW&SD

Mr. Kretzmann stated that their board elected the same officers as the prior year. They are moving ahead with Kirkersville water. He proceeded to update the trustees on activities of the district.

Road Report – Pete Sigman, Road Superintendent

Pete reported that he submitted the H2 Ohio Rivers Initiative: Chloride Reduction Grant.

Pete presented a list of equipment to sell on GovDeals.

1. 2001 F-150, 4x4, mileage 133,840, minimum bid \$1,200.00
2. 2005 F-250, 4x4, 6.0 Powerstroke Diesel, mileage 74,500, minimum bid \$6,500.00
3. Skagg Mower, 1788 hours, minimum bid \$350.00
4. 6.5' x 12' Small Orange Trailer, minimum bid \$50.00
5. Two 500 gallon Fuel Tanks on a skid, minimum bid \$350.00
6. Hotsy Steam Washer, minimum bid \$350.00

-Ray Foor moved to adopt Resolution 2024 02 05 01 which states: WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees has determined that such township personal property is no longer needed for public use, is obsolete, or is unfit for the purpose for which it was acquired and will be sold

on www.GovDeals.com. The items are as follows:

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Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call Van Buren YES, Smith Yes and Foor Yes. The resolution was adopted.

Pete reported that the Engineer's Estimate for the 2024 Resurfacing Project was received and came in over budget. Gale Road will have to be re-evaluated and Beecher Road was not on the list and is having problems from the freeze and thaw process. The trustees and Pete will have to go back and review the roads to resurface.

Zoning Report – Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector

- The Zoning Inspector reported on the following items.
- The January zoning permit and fee total was \$2,737.36.
- 4765 National Road – They have stopped parking in the grass but are still storing product on the back of the site.
- 125 Ashcraft Drive – Someone is living in the camper on the property.
- 6591 Outville Road – Waiting to move small shed to be compliant.
- Ritterbeck Lot Split – Completed 1/22/24
- Stanley Lot Split – going to LCPC on 2/26/24
- 82 Dauber Court – Vehicles parked in the right of way

-Ray Foor moved to approve the following:

1. The minutes of the January 2, 2024 regular/organizational meeting
2. Payment advice #5-2024 through 53-2024
3. Warrants 18969 through 19001
4. The final posted December Bank Reconciliation
5. The January Bank Reconciliation

Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

-Ray Foor moved to adopt Resolution 2024 02 05 02 which states: HARRISON TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP ANNUAL PERMANENT APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

-Ray Foor moved to approve the 2023 Township Highway System Mileage Certification. Harrison Township's total certified mileage at the end of calendar year 2023 was 49.612 miles. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

The trustees reviewed the employee's drivers abstracts.
The OTARMA renewal insurance questionnaire was reviewed.

The fiscal officer read various pieces of correspondence and passed out Financial Reports for the trustees to review. The December and January bank reconciliation were signed.

Being no further business, Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 2024 02 05 01 and Resolution 2024 02 05 02 are a part of the February 5, 2024 minutes.